

### REMARKS

Applicants hereby offer preliminary amendments to the present application to place the application in better form for allowance.

Applicants have canceled Claims 1-8 in favor of replacement Claims 9-15 to correct certain informalities (including avoidance of use claims) and to clarify the intended meaning of the claims without materially altering their scope. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are fully supported in the specification.

Applicants have amended the specification to insert a statement of priority. Applicants submit that this amendment serves does not alter the scope of their disclosure.

Applicants have added an Abstract based on the abstract appearing on the face of the published PCT application to summarize the subject matter of their invention. A copy of the new Abstract is separately attached.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

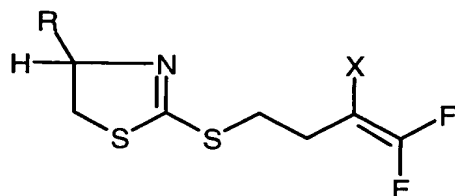
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## NEMATICIDAL THIAZOLINE-CONTAINING FLUOROBUTENES

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to novel thiazoline-containing fluorobutenes of formula (I)



wherein

R represents methyl or ethyl, and

X represents hydrogen or fluorine,

to a process for their preparation and to their use as nematicides.